

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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a1 The invention has for its object to eliminate the difficulties described above and to provide an improved device of the kind defined in the opening paragraph. This object is achieved in a device of the kind defined in the opening paragraph in that input means are provided for supplying a playback time information which characterizes a desired playback moment, said desired playback moment corresponding to the sum of a starting time information characterizing the recording start moment and a recording duration which has already elapsed in the recording of the recording signal in the desired recording medium position of the recording medium, and in that the positioning means are designed for subtracting the starting time information from the supplied playback time information when determining the desired recording medium position. It is advantageously possible in the device according to claim 1 for the magnet heads to be positioned [into any] with regard to the recording medium positions as required, independently of the present recording medium position, through the input of a starting time information and a playback time information, and subsequently for recorded signals to be reproduced starting from said desired recording medium position. To achieve this, a programmed time period determined by the positioning means through subtraction of the starting time information from the playback time information can be compared with an actual playback duration determined, for example, by a tape counter, which characterizes the present recording medium position of, for example, a magnetic tape. The positioning means are designed for subsequently rotating the magnetic tape with a multiple of the playback speed until the desired recording medium position is reached, whereupon, provided the recording medium start position was registered at the start of the magnetic tape, the determined programmed time period will correspond to the determined actual playback time period.

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a2 Fig. 1 shows a video recorder with input means for supplying a playback time information, with positioning means [for positioning magnet heads of the video recorder in a desired recording medium position characterized by the supplied playback time information,] and with playback means for reproducing a recorded signal present on a magnetic tape starting from [the] a desired recording medium position.

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a3 The video recorder 1 further comprises playback means which in the present case correspond at least substantially to the recording means 6 and which are designed for reproducing a recorded signal AS recorded on the magnetic tape 5 starting from the recording medium start position P1 of the magnetic tape and from the recording start moment T1 by means of a magnet head 7 and a magnet head 8, which will be discussed in more detail below. The magnet heads 7 and 8 are fastened to a head disc 9 of a scanner 10 and can thus be driven into rotation. The magnetic tape 5 is passed along the head disc 9 by means of tape guides 11, 12, 13, and 14. A capstan 15 can be driven by a motor 16 via a first operational link 17 such that the magnetic tape 5 can be pressed against the capstan 15 by a pressure roller [16] 18 so as to convert a rotary movement of the capstan 15 into a longitudinal movement of the magnetic tape 5 in a direction R. The magnetic tape 5 can also be transported in a direction opposed to the direction R by means of a further motor which is not shown in Fig. 1, as is general practice in video recorders. It is to be noted that the motor 16 may alternatively be designed for driving the magnetic tape 5 in a direction opposed to the direction R.

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The video recorder 1 comprises positioning means 27 formed by the control unit 21, the motor 16, the further motor mentioned above (not shown), the capstan 15, the pressure roller 18, and the tape length counter 26, [which means are designed] for positioning the two magnet heads 7 and 8 [into] with regard to a desired recording medium position GP for playback purposes of a recording signal AS, starting from the desired recording medium position GP. For this purpose, motor control data MSI can be supplied by the control unit 21 to the motor 16 and the further motor (not shown) for transporting the magnetic tape 5 [so as to position] with regard to the magnet heads 7 and 8. The positioning means 27 are here constructed such that they can position the magnet heads 7 and 8 [into] with respect to any desired recording medium position GP of the magnetic tape 5 at a speed which is a multiple of the playback speed.

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It is now further assumed for this first example that the user of the video recorder 1 would like to view the program S7 with the title "Titanic". Advantageously, the user of the video recorder 1 must for this purpose only enter the starting time 17:00 hours indicated for the program "Titanic", which forms a desired playback moment GT1 here, as the playback time information WZI by means of the playback moment button 33. The control unit 21 is designed for subtracting the starting time information BZI = 13:00 characterizing the recording start moment T1 from the recording time information WZI = 17:00 characterizing the desired playback moment GT1 so as to determine a programmed time period VD1 = 4:00. A comparison of the actual playback time period WD1 = 1:15 determined by the tape length counter 26 with the programmed time period VD1 = 4:00 determined above enables the control unit 21 to decide that the magnetic tape 5 is to be driven in a direction towards the end of the magnetic tape 5 in order to position the magnet heads 7 and 8 [in] with respect to the desired recording medium position GP1. The control unit 21 thereupon issues the relevant motor control information MSI to the motor 16. The magnetic tape 5 is then transported towards the end of the magnetic tape 5 with a speed which is a multiple of the playback speed. When the control unit 21 detects

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that the actual playback time period WD, which is continuously being monitored by the tape length counter 26 during the driven movement of the magnetic tape 5, corresponds to the programmed time period  $VD1 = 4:00$ , which is the case when the desired

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